

Serial No. 10/823,138

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, line 21 through page 2, line 4 have been amended as follows:

The main objective of the invention is to provide a curtain assembly that is adjustable in permeability to light and is versatile in use. The curtain assembly has a frame, a first curtain, a second curtain and a positioning device. The frame has a top ~~[[rod]]~~ portion, a bottom ~~[[rod]]~~ portion and two side ~~[[rods]]~~ portions mounted between the top ~~[[rod]]~~ portion and the bottom ~~[[rod]]~~ portion. The curtains are attached respectively to the top ~~[[rod]]~~ portion and the bottom ~~[[rod]]~~ portion of the frame and each has a permeability to light different from each other. The positioning device is mounted in the frame and connected to the first and second curtains to hold the first and second curtains at desired positions.

Page 2, lines 5-7 have been amended as follows:

Other ~~objects~~ objectives, advantages and novel features of the invention will become more apparent from the following detailed description when taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings.

Page 2, lines 11-22 have been amended as follows:

Fig. 2 is a partial top plan view in partial cross section of the side ~~[[rod]]~~ portion and the curtain of the curtain assembly in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is ~~[[a]]~~ an operational side plan view of the curtain assembly in Fig. 1 showing the two curtains ~~[[are]]~~ extended in half respectively;

Fig. 4 is an operational side plan view of the curtain assembly in Fig. 1 showing ~~[[that]]~~ the first curtain ~~[[is]]~~ completely extended and the second curtain ~~[[is]]~~ completely retracted;

Fig. 5 is an operational side plan view of the curtain assembly in Fig. 1 showing ~~[[that]]~~ the first curtain ~~[[is]]~~ completely retracted and the second curtain ~~[[is]]~~ completely extended;

Fig. 6 is an operational side plan view of the curtain assembly in Fig. 1 showing ~~[[that]]~~ both two curtains ~~[[are]]~~ completely retracted; and

Page 3, lines 1-10 have been amended as follows:

With reference to Figs. 1 to 3 and 7, a curtain assembly in accordance with the present invention ~~comprises~~ includes a frame, a first curtain (12), a second curtain (22), a connecting

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

Serial No. 10/823,138

~~connected~~ device and a positioning device (40). The frame includes ~~comprises~~ a top [[rod]] portion (10), a bottom [[rod]] portion (20) and two side [[rods]] portions (30,31). The top [[rod]] portion (10) is adapted to be secured on a top flange of a window or a door, and the bottom [[rod]] portion (20) is adapted to be secured on a bottom flange of the window or the door and corresponds to the top [[rod]] portion (10). The side [[rods]] portions (30,31) are mounted between the top [[rod]] portion (10) and the bottom [[rod]] portion (20) to make the frame rectangular. Each side [[rod]] portion (30,31) has a side provided with a rail channel (311) corresponding to each other.

Page 3, line 11 through page 4, line 2 have been amended as follows:

The first and second curtains (12,22) are retractably mounted respectively on the top [[rod]] portion (10) and the bottom [[rod]] portion (20) of the frame. The curtains have a certain permeability to light. Each curtain (12,22) has a first end wound in a respective one of the top and bottom [[rods]] portions (10,20), a second end, two sides and two rails (24). The sides of each curtain (12,22) are slidably received respectively in the rail channels (311) in the side [[rods]] portions (30,31). The second end of the second curtain (22) is detachably connected to the second end of the first curtain (12) with the connecting device. In an optional embodiment, the connecting device comprises two end [[rods]] connectors (11,21) attached respectively to the second ends of the curtains (12,22). Each end [[rod]] connector (11,21) has an engaging channel (13,23) corresponding to the engaging channel (13,23) in the other end [[rod]] connector (11,21). An engaging stick (14) is securely received in the engaging channel (13) in one of the end [[rods]] connectors (11) and detachably engages with the engaging channel (23) in the other end [[rod]] connector (21). With the engagement between the engaging stick (14) and the engaging channels (13,23), the curtains (12,22) can be connected together.

Page 4, lines 13-16 have been amended as follows:

The rails (24) are mounted respective to two sides of each curtain (12,22) and are slidably received, respectively, in the rail channels (311) in the side [[rods]] portions (30,31). With the engagements of the rails (24) and the rail channels (311) in the side [[rods]] portions (30,31), the movements of the curtains (12,22) are smooth.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

Serial No. 10/823,138

Page 4, line 17 through page 5, line 1 have been amended as follows:

The positioning device (40) is mounted on the frame and is connected to the curtains (12,22) to hold the curtains (12,22) at any desired position. In an optional embodiment, the positioning device (40) comprises four strings (42) each connected to the top and bottom ~~[[rods]]~~ portions (10,20) and extending through one of the end ~~[[rods]]~~ connectors (11,21). Each string (42) has a first end connected to one end of the top ~~[[rod]]~~ portion (10) and a second end extending through one of the end ~~[[rods]]~~ connectors (11,21) and attached to the bottom ~~[[rod]]~~ portion (20) at one end opposite to the end of the top ~~[[rod]]~~ portion (10) to which the first end is connected. Consequently, the curtains (12,22) will be held at any desired position by ~~means of~~ tensions provided by the strings (42).

Page 5, lines 2-12 have been amended as follows:

With such a curtain assembly, with reference to Figs. 3 to 6, the permeability of the curtain assembly can be adjusted by ~~means of~~ expanding the curtains (12,22) at different positions. For example, the sunlight can be completely blocked when the second curtain (22) is fully extended and the first curtain (12) is fully retracted as shown in Fig. 4, whereby the private matters of the indoor user can be fully hidden and protected. Because the sides of the second curtain (22) are received, respectively, in the rail channels (311) in the side ~~[[rods]]~~ portions (30,31), there is not any gap between the second curtain (22) and the frame when the second curtain (22) is completely extended. Therefore, the sunlight can be ~~completely blocked~~ completely blocked with the extended second curtain (22) to make the indoor a dark room.

Page 5, lines 16-22 have been amended as follows:

When the user wants to completely open the curtain assembly, the connecting device is detached and the curtains (12,22) are completely retracted, respectively, into the top and bottom ~~rods (11, 21)~~ portions (10,20). Therefore, the user can adjust the permeability to light of the curtain assembly based on the user's needs. The curtain assembly can serve as a see-through or light filter curtain, a room darkener or a black out curtain by ~~means of~~ adjusting the positions of the first and second curtains (12,22), such that the use of the curtain assembly is versatile.